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UNRECORDED #305 (Fall PFEIFER)

REF: DIR 07052 and DIR 08317

1. On 16 April 1956 the undersigned had a long conversation with SEUTZBACH on the status of Fall PFEIFER. It became painfully obvious that a completely new approach to the case must be taken if it is to continue. SEUTZBACH said that the case officer, V-67, has flatly stated he is dropping the case completely. SEUTZBACH was very frank in his opinion of V-67, as he has always been, saying that what V-67 needed was a "kick in the pants" (Fusstritt geben) to set him straight but that since V-67 was regarded by some as such a high-level operator this would never take place. SEUTZBACH said that certainly this case had left no fine impression in Washington on UPWING's ability to run a R/I operation. As you know, V-67 is a lone-wolf CH operative responsible mainly to UTILITY.

2. SEUTZBACH said that V-67 believed PFEIFER was playing games with UPWING and that V-67's efforts to establish the reliability of PFEIFER had been nought, this adding to V-67's frustration. The latest incident, of course, was the mixup in alternate meeting dates in Munich in January/February 1956. Apparently PFEIFER never made the meeting on the date he claimed the meeting was to take place. Thus the case has been left hanging due to PFEIFER's apparent loss of contact with the AVL, although he has written another letter to the Vienna cover address, and V-67's unwillingness to follow the case.

3. SEUTZBACH will take the situation up with a Dr. KLAUSNER and propose that V-67 be cut out of the case altogether. Then WHEISS, Chief of Det 2, will be briefed on PFEIFER by UPWING Headquarters and asked to try and clarify PFEIFER's status, probably through the assets of a HELMER's Hungarian Group. If PFEIFER can be brought into proper perspective by Det 2, then UPWING will consider the possibility of an independent approach to him through Det 2, and try to pick up the case again. The other alternative would be to call the LfV, Bavaria's attention to PFEIFER stating that he is a supposed UPWING agent viewed with suspicion and ask the LfV through the Regensburg and Passau Krips to keep an eye on PFEIFER, mounting a surveillance if necessary. Of course, the necessary surveillance steps to help clarify PFEIFER have never been taken through V-67. Perhaps Det 2 can be urged to mount some sort of surveillance if they take over the case.

4. This, of course, leaves KUBER's interest in the case hanging for the moment. The undersigned told SEUTZBACH frankly that our interest in the case

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was following AVB activities against the TYPHONING Hungarian element, whereas this was probably not of such great interest to SPANISH. The undersigned also informed a LUTHERAN that Oscar GROSSER (SIN 07052) was most likely identical with an American citizen employed by GERTZMAN, and a KOTRABACH expressed regret that for the time being there could be no follow-up of this KIL. In view of the results of DEPTING Headquarters discussion of Fall TYPHONING are made known to PUB, they will be reported. In the meantime any pertinent Headquarters comments that you deem to make would be appreciated.

Approved by

20 April 1954

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